

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-14 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 have been amended. Claims 6 and 15 have been canceled.


In the June 23, 2004 Office Action, the examiner indicated that claims 5-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5, 11, and 13 have been so rewritten without narrowing their scope. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of allowable claim 6, without narrowing the scope of the claim 1 and 6 combination, and claim 6 has been canceled. Due to the cancellation of claim 6, claims 7 and 9 have been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of claim 6. Therefore, claims 1-5 and 7-14 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (317) 231-7341.

A check in the amount of \$43 is enclosed herewith to pay for one additional independent claim in excess of the three independent claims permitted with the filing fee. It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 31567-70098.

Respectfully submitted,

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